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SUBJ: UN SYMPOSIUM IN MASERU

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE CONCLUDING STATEMENT OF THE U.S.
PARTICIPANT TO THE SYMPOSIUM ON THE EXPLOITATION OF BLACKS
IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA AND ON PRISON CONDITIONS IN
THE SOUTH AFRICAN JAILS HELD IN MASERU, LESOTHO JULY 17-22.

BEGIN TEXT: MR. CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR
THE PROFESSIONAL MANNER IN WHICH YOU, THE GOVERNMENT OF
LESOTHO AND THE SECRETARIAT STAFF HAVE CONDUCTED THIS
SYMPOSIUM.

WE WOULD HOPE THAT IN SOME SMALL WAY HISTORY WILL RECORD
THAT THE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE UN, NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS, REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS,
INDIVIDUALS AND CITIZENS OF LESOTHO GATHERED HERE IN THE
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EYE OF THE STORM OF APARTHEID HAVE ADVANCED THE CAUSE OF
RIDDING THIS WORLD OF OURS OF REPUGNANT RACIALISM.

WE HAVE ALL BEEN DEEPLY MOVED BY THE PERSONAL TESTIMONY
THAT WAS SHARED BY SOUTH AFRICANS WHO FOR NO OTHER
REASON THAN THE FACT THAT THEIR SKIN IS BLACK HAVE
SUFFERED BRUTAL OPPRESSION INFLICTED BY MEN WHO WOULD

WANT US TO BELIEVE THAT SKIN COLORATION GUARANTEES
PRIVILEGE AT OTHERS' EXPENSE.

MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE ENJOYED THE FELLOWSHIP AND COMRADERY
THAT IS THE RESULT OF THE COMMON PURPOSE THAT BROUGHT US
ON THIS TREK TO JUSTICE AND DIGNITY IN THE NAME OF
UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS. I CAN SAY WITHOUT DOUBT THAT
OUR WORK WILL NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN.

HOWEVER, HONESTY COMPELS ME TO ADMIT THAT THERE ARE
PASSAGES IN OUR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE
UNITED STATES HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY IN VARIOUS INTER-
NATIONAL FORUMS TO TAKE EXCEPTION TO. SPEAKING FOR THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT, THESE EXPRESSIONS DO NOT REFLECT PRESENT
U.S. POLICY. IN THIS REGARD, THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO
ASSOCIATE WITH THE REMARKS MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE
FROM SWEDEN.

HAVING SAID THIS, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THESE
RESERVATIONS AFFECT IN NO WAY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S
COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE OF ELIMINATING ONCE AND FOR ALL
APARTHEID AND RACIALISM.

MR. CHAIRMAN, WHEN SPEAKING TO MY GOVERNMENT IN THE EARLY
HOURS OF THIS MORNING, I WAS REMINDED THAT AT 10:30 AM
ON TUESDAY, JULY 25TH, THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED
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NATIONS BEGINS THE LONG SOUGHT-AFTER PROCESS OF
IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION 385. A PROCESS THAT IN A VERY,
VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME WILL CULMINATE WITH AN
INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA JOINING SISTER NATIONS AS A MEMBER OF
THAT WORLD BODY -- COMMITTED TO PEACE AMONG NATIONS.

MR. CHAIRMAN, OUR DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUE FROM ANGOLA
ENDED HIS INTERVENTION ON THURSDAY WITH THE OFTEN HEARD
SLOGAN: "THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES." AND IT MUST . . . AND
IT WILL. END TEXT.

2. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING DRAFT
RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF INDIA, POLAND, TANZANIA, AND THE
U.S.

BEGIN TEXT: THE SYMPOSIUM,

- RECALLING RESOLUTIONS 5 (XXX1), 8 (XXX11), 6 (XXX111)
AND DECISION 2 (XXXIV) OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS,

- RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/98 OF

13 DECEMBER 1977 REQUESTING THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO
KEEP THE SITUATION IN LESOTHO UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW,

- TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL EFFORT OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO IN ACCEPTING TO HOST THIS SYMPOSIUM,

- 1. EXPRESSES ITS FULL APPRECIATION OF THE WARM WELCOME
EXTENDED TO THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE SYMPOSIUM BY THE
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF LESOTHO;

- 2. SUPPORTS ALL THE EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF LESOTHO TO REDUCE ITS ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON SOUTH
AFRICA AND TO MAINTAIN ITS HISTORICALLY HARD WON
INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY;
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- 3. RECOMMENDS THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS GIVE THE STRONGEST
SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO IN THIS UNDERTAKING
AND COMMENDS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/98 IN THIS
REGARD.

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3. COMMENT: IN ESSENCE, A SYMPOSIUM THAT BEGAN WITH
HEIGHTENED RHETORIC AND PROMISES OF DIFFICULTIES IN
DEVELOPING A CONSENSUS ENDED IN CONSENSUS WITH MILD
DISSENTING POINTS OF VIEW FROM WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES.
THE UNITED KINGDOM MOVED THAT THE SYMPOSIUM REPRESENTATIVES
ACCEPT THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THEIR
ENTIRETY WITH AN ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR DISSENTING
STATEMENTS BEFORE THE FINAL VOTE. THIS MOVE CAME AS A
SURPRISE TO AFRICAN AND EASTERN BLOC PARTICIPANTS IN THE
SYMPOSIUM. YOUNG

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